

# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Our Grand Lodge proclaimed the month of April as Public Education month. Public Education is one of the foundation in building a better tomorrow upon which our youth will erect an edifice of good government and provide peace and unity among all nations. We as Masons are obligated to assist in educating our youth to become responsible citizens, support public education, its dedicated teachers and school officials. So, let us join together and actively participate in our Public School Program.

On April 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Gardena Moneta Lodge No. 372 will hold the formal recognition to the outstanding teacher and student of Gardena High School, Gardena, California. In token of appreciation of their achievements, the honorees will receive \$300.00 each from the Lodge. Dinner and music will be provided on this occasion. Come and join us and be a part of this worthy event. Thank you to our Inspector Fred Davis, P.M., Senior Deacon Jun Bernabe and to the principal of Gardena High School for their active involvement to this undertaking.

Warmest congratulation to Brother Charlie Ponce for being the Hiram Award recipient for the year 2010. He has displayed heroic job in tearing down the barriers of dissension enduring hardship and dismay to ensure peace and harmony among the Brethren. This is the proper time to honor his deed.

Congratulation also to our newly raised Master Mason brother Andybel Lajato. He was our first master mason raised this year. As I commend you to the kind care love and protection to all Master Masons, be just, be faithful and be true and convince all of them by your acts that on becoming a Master Mason you become a better man.

Lastly, I greet you all a Happy Easter.

Fraternally,  
Cris S. Araula, P.M.  
Master

**FROM THE WEST**

Brethren:

At our last stated meeting our Worshipful Master Chris Araula has announced that our Hiram Awardees for this Masonic year is none other than Charlie Ponce. A dedicated Brother who is one of the instrumental in getting this Lodge to where it is now. He gave every effort and time to fight for what he believes is right during the turmoil times in our lodge for the best interest of the Fraternity. And he never regrets the consequences of his action that caused him to be banned in our Lodge for about 2 years. Many thanks to our Inspector Charles Cross, Inspector Fred Davis, and our past Master Morel Callueng who never stop until the Grand Lodge was convinced to lift the banned for Charlie Ponce and Past Master Aris Reyes. Brethren, let us give a round of applause to our Hiram Awardees ... Charlie Ponce!

Let me thanks all the Brethren who unselfishly gave their monetary donations for the payments of the coaches and Karaoke system in our Lodge. A lot of our Brothers are now inspired to sing and enjoy more of the fellowship among us. And for our Brothers who don't want to sing, they can sit and stretched out in the coach while listening to the great sound system our Lodge can offer. Brethren, let us continue to give our support to this noble intension of improving our Fellowship room.

Another concerned that I would like to bring out is about the impending roof repair of our Lodge. This is a major repair which will cost our Lodge to spend a great sum of money and will also cease the operation our Lodge and the Dining Hall for about 2 to 3 months. Brethren this six figure expenses is not included in our budget of operating expenses. This means that the money will come out from our savings and will affect the future yearly budget of our Lodge unless the Temple Board and our Worshipful Master will come out with a solution to balance out this matter. And if they do, I hope the Brethren will give their full support and vote of approval regarding this matter.

Brethren, let us all work together in achieving the goals of our Lodge and the Fraternity.

I have my vote of confidence that our Temple Board and our Worshipful Master Chris Araula, based on his good leadership and direction will come out with a solution to this problem.

Lastly, let us welcome and congratulate Bro Andy La Jato on his raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason last March 13, 2010. Thank you for the great food and beverages that you have extended to the Lodge during your conferral to the third degree of masonry. I expect to see you soon in the Lodge and hope that you will become a true and faithful brother among us. Welcome to our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity my Brother!

Fraternally,  
Flor Cabanatan  
Senior Warden

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren,

The Master of a Lodge is like the President or Chief Executive Officer of a company. A brother upon being elected the Worshipful Master becomes the most powerful member of the Lodge. With his vast authority, carries with it the burden of shouldering all of its many responsibilities. As the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, he has the authority to:

1. Rule that any brother is out of order on any subject at any time.
2. Decides what can and cannot be discussed in the Lodge. However, should a brother believes that the Master in his exercise of these powers is arbitrary, unjust or unfair or is acting in an illegal manner, then he can appeal the actions of Master to the District Deputy Grand Master. If that officer agrees that the appeal was warranted and a valid one, he will then forward the complaint to the Grand Master for determination.

If, however, that brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense.

Any brother, as a matter of courtesy, should accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination committee, the investigation committee and other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs. A brother's refusal to accept the reasonable request made by the Master does not tantamount to a Masonic offense.

Emmanuel Abellon  
JW

Did You Know?**"Ancient Free" and "Accepted" Masons: A F & A M**  
(Reference: Masonic Vibes)

How did the words "Ancient Free" and "Accepted" originate?

The ancient Craftsmen were very skilled and their Craft was considered to be indispensable to the welfare of both church and state. They were the men who built castles and cathedrals. For this reason, they were not placed under the same restrictions as were other workers. They were "free" to do their work, travel and live their lives in a manner that was in line with their duties.

The Masons organized into "guilds", something akin to a trade union, and individual companies or groups of Masons contracted for specific construction projects. In the England of that time, various Crafts (carpenters, distillers, pewterers, ironworkers, etc.) also organized into guilds, but most of the population worked under bond to the owners of the land on which they lived.

The word "Accepted" also goes back to the time of the Operative Mason. During the later years of the Middle Ages, there were few men educated outside the monasteries of the church. The "accepted" mason was originally a man who, in a Lodge operative in origin or still partly so in character, was, for all practical purposes of membership, accepted as a Mason. From this practice grew, in course of time, the use of the words "Accepted" and "adopted" to indicate a man who had been admitted into the inner fellowship of symbolic Masons. Candidates were "accepted" into Freemasonry no earlier than the mid-seventeenth century. The phrase "free and accepted" first appeared in 1722.

By the late 1600's, the demand for the type of architecture that lent itself to the guild type of operation was declining. Architecture itself was changing; and the number of men, as well as the number of Operative Lodges, was declining. Increasingly, Masonry adopted the legends and habits of the old Operative Lodges for spiritual and moral purposes. As time went on, there became many more "Accepted" members than there were Operative members. Sometime in the eighteenth century, the "Accepted Masons" outnumbered the "Operative Masons" and Masonry gradually became exclusively a speculative organization rather than an operative one.

Bro. Rommel Macoy  
Junior Deacon

CHILD ID

"KUODS" for the Kid ID Program

Mr. Fowler, just a note to thank you for being there with us and the children on Jan. 30th. We are deeply grateful and would like to mail you an appreciation certificate. If you would allow us to show our appreciation, please email us your mailing address. Thanks so much again.

Olivia Verrett,  
Planning Committee Chair

Child ID Schedule:  
Brethren.

Please read below the details regarding the Child ID activity scheduled this coming April 2, 2010 (Friday). The committee Chaired by Al Fowler, PM, requests the presence and assistance of all available brothers for this civic work.

Fraternally,  
Del Macapagal,  
Secretary

Here is the info for the Child ID on April 2.  
Please forward to the brethren.  
Place: Home Depot Center, Carson  
Time: 11 am until about 3 pm

We will meet at the Lodge at 10 am to pick up the Equipment and leave from there at 10:30 am...

Thanks  
Al Fowler, PM,  
Child ID Chairman

**Birthdays**

01 Feliciano Alvarado  
 03 Gonzalo A. Paez  
 03 Ricardo B. Adonay  
 03 Charles C. Ngwudile  
 04 Edward Perlick  
 05 James Harrison  
 08 Charles Reagan  
 11 John Rockwood PM  
 12 Bernardo C. Bato  
 15 Steven Patterson  
 16 Conrado Del Rosario  
 16 Ralph Barnard  
 17 James H. Kenworthy  
 21 Stephen M Byork Jr  
 23 George Gillyatt, Jr  
 25 Robert Young  
 25 Harold H. Hart  
 25 Mark Bradley  
 29 Arnold M. Infante  
 30 Lamberto Q. Dejesa  
 30 Ron Wood PM  
 30 Donald Patterson

**April 2010 Calendar**

April 2, 2010....Stated Meeting...  
 Dinner at Gardena Moneta Lodge  
 @ 6:15 -7:00pm

April 9, Friday at 7:00pm ...  
 Practice Third Degree

April 16, Friday at 7:00pm..  
 First degree

April 20, Wednesday at 6:30 ..  
 Two third degree

April 23, Friday at 7:00pm..  
 Public School Night..  
 Attire...Tuxedo..Dinner and music

April 30, Friday at 7:00pm..  
 Second Degree

**2010 Committee Chairmen**

**Audit:**  
 Lee Razalan

**Budget and Finance:**  
 Dana Wyatt, PM

**Child ID Program:**  
 Al Fowler PM,  
[Alvin@mason372.org](mailto:Alvin@mason372.org)

**Civic Recognition Day:**  
 Ed Labinpuno

**Constitutional Observance:**  
 Jigs Dejesa

**Entertainment:**  
 Cris Bayani

**Funeral:**  
 Ira Waterman, PM

**Hiram Award:**  
 Flor Cabanatan

**Investment Committee:**  
 Dana Wyatt, PM,  
[Dana@mason372.org](mailto:Dana@mason372.org)

**Masonic Education:**  
 Oscar P. Leus, PM

**Masonic Service Bureau:**  
 Victor Lerma, PM  
 Delfin Macapagal

**Membership/Retention:**  
 Delfin Macapagal

**Photographer:**  
 Chris Cabanatan

**Public Schools:**  
 Jun Bernabe

**Refreshment :**  
 Manny Abellon

**Restoration:**  
 Ted Sandel

**Sickness and Visitation:**  
 Roger Garst, PM

**Trestle Board Editor:**  
 Ken Martin PM,  
[Ken@mason372.org](mailto:Ken@mason372.org)

**Web Master:**  
 Rommel Macoy  
[webmaster@mason372.org](mailto:webmaster@mason372.org)

**Widows:**  
 Roger Garst, PM

**Stated Meetings**

First Friday @ 7:30  
 Dinner @ 6:30  
 All Master Masons are welcome.

**2010 Lodge Officers**

**Master**  
 Cris Araula PM

**Senior Warden**  
 Florante Cabanatan

**Junior Warden**  
 Emmanuel Abellon

**Treasurer**  
 Dana Wyatt PM

**Secretary**  
 Delfin Macapagal

**Assistant Secretary**  
 Dan Ibanez

**Chaplain**  
 Renato Esmane

**Senior Deacon**  
 Jose Bernabe

**Junior Deacon**  
 Rommel Macoy

**Marshal**  
 Rolando Arillaga

**Senior Steward**

**Junior Steward**  
 Benjamin Ponce

**Tiler**  
 Antonio Halili

**District 713 Inspector**  
 Freddie Davis PM